

## LEGAL NOTICE

The Kenai National Wildlife Refuge is preparing a compatibility determination for a proposed gas storage operation within the Swanson River Oil and Gas Unit in the Refuge. The Union Oil Company of California, the current production lease operator, is proposing to inject natural gas produced throughout the area within the Swanson River formation to offset potential gas delivery problems within the Kenai and Southcentral Alaska gas service area. The proposed activity, while a new use of the area, will use existing rights-of-way and facility areas to conduct similar operations that are ongoing in the Unit, and as proposed will not extend the industrial use of the area within the Refuge beyond normal oil and gas production authorized under the current lease agreement. Because the proposal entails a new use, the Refuge must complete a compatibility determination to evaluate whether the activity materially interferes with or detracts from the purposes of Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. Such a determination is required under the provisions of the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended. The Refuge invites interested persons to make comments on the proposal as it affects their interest in the area and how they believe the proposed use may affect Refuge purposes. Kenai National Wildlife Refuge was established by Public Law 96-487 to conserve fish and wildlife populations and habitats in their natural diversity; to fulfill international treaty obligations with respect to fish and wildlife and their habitats; to ensure necessary water quality and quantity within the Refuge; to provide opportunities for research, interpretation, environmental education, and land management training; and to provide opportunities for fish and wildlife-oriented recreation.

Comments on this compatibility review process must be received by March 15, 2005 and may be sent electronically, by mail, or fax to:

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Refuge Manager – Kenai NWR,  
P.O. Box 2139,  
Soldotna, AK 99669      -- or --

(907) 262-3599 (fax to attn: Refuge Manager)

Results of the compatibility determination and other environmental review associated with this proposal may be received after March 20, 2005 by contacting the Refuge Manager at the above address, or by phoning the Refuge at (907) 262-7021.